

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Walter Fasse on 9/28/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, amended paragraph from applicant's amendment filed 7/13/2006, line 5, "acute shear-cutting edges 12" has been deleted and --shear-cutting edges 12-- has been inserted.

In claim 1, line 14, "said injector nozzle" has been deleted and --wherein said injector nozzle-- has been inserted.

In claim 1, lines 17-18, "said injector nozzle" has been deleted and --and wherein said injector nozzle-- has been inserted.

In claim 1, line 30, "acute shear-cutting edges" has been deleted and --shear-cutting edges-- has been inserted.

In claim 20, line 28, "acute shear-cutting edges" has been deleted and --shear-cutting edges-- has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reason for allowance of claims 1 and 20 is the inclusion of the limitation "said injector

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nozzle has an internal nozzle passage that converges to a throat and diverges from said throat to a nozzle outlet opening at an end of said injector nozzle” in combination with the other claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent No. 2,903,302 to *Ross*, US Patent No. 5,299,888 to *Wysong et al.*, and US Patent No. 5,324,143 to *Sanders* disclose examples of prior art flow through rotary feeders known in the art at the time of the invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JONATHAN WOOD whose telephone number is (571)270-7422. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on (571)272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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